

Data Reliability Assessment Tool: Main Heating Expenditures

Assessment #2A – Data Collection: Vendors

Assessment #2A looks at whether you are requesting and collecting data from the required number of electric vendors. OCS requires all LIHEAP grantees to obtain data from at least five electric vendors. This assessment also helps you determine whether you are collecting data from a variety of different types of electric vendors, such as Investor-Owned Utilities, Public Municipal Utilities, or Rural Electric Cooperatives.

Before you begin Assessment #2A, you will need to obtain the following data items:

1) Number of Electric Vendors Serving LIHEAP-Assisted Households by Vendor Type:

- **Where:** Request this information from your IT department.
- **What:** A count of the number of electric vendors that receive LIHEAP benefits on behalf of your LIHEAP-assisted households. If possible, sort the vendors into the following categories:
 - Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs)
 - Public Municipal Utilities
 - Rural Electric Cooperatives
 - Unknown

2) Number of Vendors to Whom Your Office Sent a Data Request.

- **Where:** Request this information from your IT department.
- **What:** A count of the number of electric vendors from whom your office requested electric baseload expenditure data for LIHEAP-assisted households. If possible, sort the vendors into the following categories:
 - Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs)
 - Public Municipal Utilities
 - Rural Electric Cooperatives
 - Unknown
- **Note:** For each utility type, the numbers entered here should be *less than or equal to* the corresponding number in data item #1 immediately above.

3) Number of Vendors Reporting Data for LIHEAP Households:

- **Where:** Request this information from your IT department.
- **What:** A count of the number of vendors that complied with your request and reported electric billing data back to you. If possible, sort the vendors into the following categories:
 - Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs)
 - Public Municipal Utilities
 - Rural Electric Cooperatives
 - Unknown
- **Note:** For each utility type, the numbers entered here should be *less than or equal to* the corresponding number in data item #2 immediately above.

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Assessment #2A – Data Specifications Flow Chart

1.

All Vendors Providing Baseload Electricity to LIHEAP
Assisted Households



2.

Number of Electric Vendors from
Whom you REQUESTED Data

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3.

Number of Electric Vendors from
Whom you RECEIVED Data

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